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In re the Application of

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For: METHODS FOR GENERATING ANTI-ALIASED TEXT AND LINE GRAPHICS IN COMPRESSED DOCUMENT IMAGES

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231


Sir:

In reply to the January 30, 2003 Election of Species Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group 4, claims 1-3, 23-27, 30-39, and 49-54, Figure 28, with traverse.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-59 are sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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